Court Says Author Can Look At Oswald's Medical Records

The St. Louis County Circuit Court says a British lawyer-author can look at federal medical records stored in Overland.

His aim: to show that a Soviet look-alike for Lee Harvey Oswald actually killed President John F. Kennedy in 1963.

Michael H.B. Eddowes, 74, wants the records from the National Personnel Records Center to aid in a suit pending in Texas. That suit seeks to have Oswald's body exhumed and an autopsy performed.

Circuit Judge James Ruddy Thursday ruled that the British investigator could seek the data. The records include medical, dental and X-ray information on Oswald, who once served in the Marine Corps.

"I didn't issue a subpoena, but I ruled that one could be issued," Ruddy said. "I understand that one will be." Ruddy acknowledged that federal authorities might question his jurisdiction and seek to have such a subpoena quashed.

Eddowes is the author of the book, "The Oswald File."

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